Roosevelt Asks 3 Billions for New Fighting Planes

WEATHER
Ohio—Fair, warm except for local thundershowers tonight; Wednesday fair.

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BISMARCK SUNK BY BRITISH IN CLIMAX OF THREE-DAY PURSUIT

FDR ASKS 3 BILLIONS FOR MORE PLANES

Seeks Additional Funds From Congress For Army, Navy Fighting Craft.

ESTIMATES APPROVED

Army Declines to Reveal Types of Airplanes To Be Built Under Proposal.

(By International News Service)

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt today asked congress to appropriate $3,319,000,000 for new fighting planes for the army and navy.

The program approved by Mr. Roosevelt, super-imposed on the staggering load already undertaken, contemplates $2,790,000,000 for army planes and $529,000,000 for navy planes.

The president approved budget bureau estimates on this huge sum and conveyed them to Speaker Rayburn of the house requesting immediate consideration.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early declined to break down the program.

"It is for planes—new planes—and we are not breaking it down into categories," he said.

Army officials refused to comment on the types of airplanes that would be covered by the $2,790,000,000 request but experts believed they would include numbers of heavy bombers, such as the flying fortresses (B-17s) which recently completed a 21-plane mass flight to Hawaii with ease.

The heavy bombers also have been going to Great Britain under the lend-lease program, and al-

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BATTLE FIRE

Volunteers Fight Blaze Which Threatened Game Preserve

A grass fire which threatened to spread to a state forest reserve one mile west of Mansfield on Park avenue west road was brought under control last night after an 11-hour battle to control the blaze.

The fire started near the Roxy Ian property and burned nearly 11 acres of grass and threatened a large tract of reforested area near there before it was brought under control, C. I. Kimmel, game protector of the state conservation and natural resources division, said today.

While property damage was slight Kimmel said, there was no way of estimating the damage done to wild life in the area. The forest has been stocked with rabbits and pheasants, Kimmel said.

Kimmel was assisted by a dozen men from the neighborhood who brought the fire under control at about 11:30 p. m.

HITS 'APPROVAL'

Ohioan Charges Higher-Ups O. K. Communism Campaign.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Communistic organizations are conducting a membership campaign among federal employes "so openly that it may be assumed there is approval higher up," Rep. Robert F. Jones (R. Ohio) asserted last night in a radio address praising work of the house committee investigating un-American activities.

He asked public approval of his proposal to appropriate $100,000 for investigation of federal employes by the federal bureau of investigation.

25 ADDED

Addition to Columbus Police Approved to Guard Plant.

COLUMBUS —(AP)— City council has approved the addition of 25 policemen to Columbus' force of 320 to "cooperate" in the national defense program.

Mayor Floyd Green, in his request for the additional officers, said they would be needed to help police the new $12,000,000 Curtiss-Wright airplane factory being built here.

His Answer Due

When President Roosevelt addresses the nation tonight (at 9:30 Mansfield time) he is expected to answer Grand Admiral Erich Raeder of the German navy, above, who warned that German naval guns would fire on American ships if they convoy war materials to Britain.

FLAMES SWEEP NEW YORK DOCK

25 Box Cars, 2 River Floats Hit as Firemen Battle To Control Blaze.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Two Pennsylvania railroad piers, 25 box cars and three Hudson river car floats, all laden with merchandise for shipment to New York City, blazed fiercely in New York harbor today.

An unidentified barge worker lost his life, police reported. A fire captain overcome by heat was hospitalized.

After an hour's battle, officials expressed belief that the blaze had been brought under control.

The fire that swept over the open wharves sent flames and heavy smoke into the sky.

Great stores of lumber and steel were threatened.

The fire evidently started, police said, in creosote piling aboard a freight train ready for loading on barges for transportation to New York.

The piers and open wharves adjoining are just south of Black Tom, scene of a historic World war explosion and fire.

They are in the Greenville terminal, major freight yard for New York in the Pennsylvania system. Nearly two miles southwest of the Statue of Liberty, they are just north of the Bayonne city line.

Pennsylvania officials described the blaze as "fairly serious."

The rail company ordered all of its Hudson river and New York harbor tugs to remove all barges and car floats from the blazing docks while switch engines darted into the area to pull away loaded freight cars.

The fire was reported at 8:25 a. m. (EST)

HE'LL BE QUIET

Fish, Administration Critic, Gets Call to Active Army Duty.

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Rep. Hamilton Fish, R., N. Y., outspoken critic of the administration, today was ordered to active duty by the army. He holds the rank of colonel in the specialists' reserve.

Fish will go on active duty "with his consent" on July 1, reporting to Fort Bragg, N. C., for training. He will be on active duty one month.

FDR STILL AT WORK ON VITAL TALK TO NATION

Expected to Make One of Most Important Pronouncements In Address Tonight.

AID REQUEST HINTED

Washington Looks For Strong Statement on Foreign Policy of U. S.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—White House Secretary Stephen Early indicated today that President Roosevelt will outline American foreign policy in detail in his fireside chat tonight. The speech will be extended 15 minutes longer than the previously anticipated 45 minutes.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON—While most of the world waited in expectancy, President Roosevelt worked today on the final draft of a "fireside chat" that may prove to be one of the most important pronouncements he has ever made on matters of state.

The president planned to devote most of his day to the address, and the White House indicated that it would take into consideration virtually any major change in international affairs occurring before 9:30 p. m. (EST) when Mr. Roosevelt speaks by radio.

An all-network transmission will carry the president's words to the four corners of the nation, and a world-wide short wave relay will broadcast the address to other lands. There will be translations in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.

Highly-placed officials were of the opinion that one portion of the address would contain a demand for more active aid to Britain, regardless of Axis threats. Other quarters looked

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SHOT AT DAWN

Greek, Charged With Attempt To Kill King, Executed.

ROME—(AP)—Vasail Laci Mihailoff, accused of firing several shots at an automobile in which King Vittorio Emanuele was riding with the Albanian premier on a visit to that country May 17, was executed at dawn today in Tirana prison.

The Italians said Mihailoff, who was described as a Greek afflicted with "a poetic madness," fired the shots in an attempt on the life of the Albanian premier, Shefket Verlaci. All the shots went wild.

Mihailoff was convicted by a military tribunal and sentenced to death before a firing squad.

BOMB EXPLODES

Windows Shattered, 16 Buildings Damaged In Conneaut Blast.

CONNEAUT — (AP) — Sixteen business places were damaged and 100 windows shattered by a dynamite bomb explosion which rocked Conneaut harbor's business section at 3:50 a. m., today.

The bomb exploded in front of the Wilson cafe. George Sauerwine, cafe operator, said he could offer no motive for the blast.

Bismarck Sent To Bottom In New Sea Duel

Chased grimly for three days after her guns blew up the prize British battleship Hood, the Bismarck shown above, was spotted by an American-made plane acting with the air wing of the pursuing British fleet. The 35,000 ton Nazi ship had been slowed by two torpedo hits and was overtaken today about 400 miles west of Brest where she was sent to the bottom "with guns blazing" according to Nazi report. Between 1,300 and 1,500 men were believed lost in the sinking.

550 In County to Be Registered On July 1

Richland Youths Becoming 21 On Or Before Registration Day To Report; State to Enroll Nearly 60,000.

Approximately 550 Richland county youths becoming 21 years of age on or before July 1 will be registered on that day in the new draft registration ordered today by President Roosevelt. Nine thousand are already registered as the result of the first registration last October.

Local draft board officials will conduct the registration. In the primary registration, selectees were enrolled at polling places throughout the county.

An officer at state selective service headquarters at Columbus estimated unofficially today that 60,000 men would be registered in Ohio.

The state headquarters has received no official word of the new registration plan. The spokesman was unable to say how the new list of registrants would be related to the existing lists.

There was a strong belief that the new registrants would be placed at the bottom of the present lists and that deferments would be granted more liberally in order to reach the new registrants by early fall.

Although there has been no official announcement, it was believed that local draft boards would be considerably more lenient in the future in deferment of men over 28 years of age and of men connected with defense industries, including agriculture.

The present list of 840,000 registrants is not expected to be exhausted before October.

Lieut. Col. Chester W. Goble, state draft director, said in Toledo yesterday that 622,387 questionnaires had been mailed as of May 10 and 58.5 per cent of the men registered had been classified. A total of 30,847 Ohio men have been accepted at induction centers and there are 21,986 A-1 men "on hand" in the state. The A-1 list will be swelled next month by 6,788 students who have been deferred to complete their year's schooling.

FALL PROVES FATAL

COLUMBUS—(AP)—A fall from a porch step several weeks ago caused the death of Mrs. Lynn Derringer, 68.

RENEW PLEDGE

French Give Assurances Fleet, Colonies To Be Held.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The French government gave renewed assurances in writing today to the United States that the French fleet and colonies would not be surrendered to Germany or any other power.

A note containing specific guarantees was delivered by the French ambassador, Gaston Henry-Haye, to Sumner Welles, under-secretary of state.

The note, the ambassador told reporters, was drafted by him on instructions from the Vichy government. It was intended to remove misgivings here on the scope of French-German collaboration.

FOUND GUILTY

Youth Convicted of Killing Man Who Wanted Sister to Dance.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va.—(U.P.)—Charles Bowen, 19, today faced a prison term of from five to 18 years on a second degree murder conviction.

Bowen was found guilty of the fatal shooting of Roy Fitzpatrick when Fitzpatrick insisted on dancing with Bowen's 15-year-old sister, Maxine, in a Nolan, W. Va., beer hall last January.

SEEK REVISION OF RATE OFFER

Council To Ask Utility For Greater Reduction on Bills of 'Middle Bracket.'

Plans for sounding out the Ohio Public Service company on the possibility of a domestic light rate schedule which would give the middle bracket consumers a greater reduction than that included in a present contract offer, were made last night at a meeting of city council's public utilities committee.

After a two-hour discussion in which little progress was made, the committee decided to meet with J. A. Herbert, vice president and general manager of the company, in an effort to have the graduated scale amended.

Porch said that the committee generally approved the idea of the reduction but wished to obtain a lower rate for the majority of consumers. The present offer would mean greater savings to small and large consumers of electricity and a smaller reduction for the middle group.

Middle bracket consumers are those using between 100 and 200

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Report Barbers Approve 65-Cent Haircut Charge

The first move in an effort to raise the prices of haircuts and shaves in Mansfield was made last night when the journeymen barbers were reported to have approved an increase from 50 to 65 cents for haircuts and from 25 to 35 cents for shaves.

W. L. Magee, president, and William H. Scott, secretary, refused to comment on the activities of the journeymen. Neither would deny reports, however, that the group had asked a price increase.

Master barbers, shop-owners, are expected to consider the journeymen's demands tonight at their own meeting. K. D. McClure, secretary of the master barbers, said Saturday that his group would probably discuss the price situation tonight. McClure said that the master barbers did not approve any large increase and would not approve any increase over 65 cents. Journeymen were originally reported to have considered asking 75 cents for haircuts.

Although he refused to comment on last night's meeting, Scott said that further meetings were planned. Magee said that "nothing definite" had been decided.

At present, journeymen barbers receive 70 per cent of the receipts for their work. An increase to 65 cents would give them an additional 17 cents per haircut and the master barbers an additional eight cents.

The raise in prices for a shave, which McClure said the masters would probably approve, would give the journeymen an additional seven cents and the masters three.

Plane Made In U. S. Sights Fleeing Ship

Nazi Battleship Slowed by Torpedoes, Sent to Bottom in Revenge for Sinking of Hood; 1,300 Are Reported Aboard Craft.

(By Associated Press)

With an American-made warplane serving as "eyes" for the British fleet, German's new 35,000-ton battleship Bismarck was sunk by aerial torpedoes and shell fire at 11 o'clock this morning (4 a. m., EST) after a grim three-day hunt across the waters of the North Atlantic.

Britons found another big headline in reports from Greek sources in Cairo that 18,000 Germans have lost their lives so far in the aerial invasion of Crete, including 5,000 drowned at sea.

Hitler's high command said the Bismarck was crippled at 9 p. m. last night, 400 miles west of Brest, when she was hit by two plane-launched torpedoes, smashing her rudder and propellors.

"In the battle against gradually increasing strength of enemy naval forces, the battleship Bismarck fought on," the Nazi high command said, "until finally on the morning of May 27 it fell victim to superior strength."

Berlin radio reported that the Bismarck's last message read:

"Ship out of control. Will fight to the last shell. Long live the fuehrer!"

The fleeing Nazi raider was reported heading for refuge from pursuing British warships in a French port, either Brest or St. Nazaire, when torpedo-carrying planes from the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal sent her to the bottom—the first battleship ever reported sunk by aerial attack.

An American-made Catalina plane was credited with first spotting the Bismarck, bringing other planes and British warships to deliver the coup de grace to the already twice-wounded German craft.

Authoritative quarters in London said the 35,000-ton

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DOWN FIGHTING: Nazis Say Sinking Ship Fires To Last

(By International News Service)

BERLIN—Overwhelmed by superior forces, the 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck went down in the North Atlantic today, the swastika flying from her masthead and every workable gun still blazing until water closed over her armament studded deck.

The Nazi dreadnaught which on Saturday sank the British battle-cruiser Hood, together with Vice-Admiral Guenther Luetjens and her crew of more than 1,000, were given up for lost.

A brief official announcement said:

"The Bismarck has fallen victim to overwhelming odds."

Previously, the last meager word from Luetjens was that his powerful ship was drifting helplessly with smashed propellors at a point beyond the aid of Luftwaffe bombers.

Luetjens and all of his crew were believed lost.

The statement disclosed that the Bismarck's speed had been reduced by a hit near her bow, apparently scored by the British navy in the dramatic duel last Saturday in which the Hood was sunk.

A torpedo fired on the same day also struck the battleship, further reducing her speed.

At 9 p. m. last night, two aerial torpedoes hit her propellors, crippling the huge ship at a point 400 miles west of Brest.

At 11:42 p. m. last night, Luetjen's wirelessed naval general headquarters:

"My ship can no longer be maneuvered. We are fighting to the last shell. Long live the fuehrer."

Luetjens signed his message "naval chief."

The communique continued:

"Against gradually increasing enemy naval forces, the Bismarck fought until she finally became a victim of overwhelming odds in the forenoon of today."

German sources credited a "lucky torpedo shot" for the Britting triumph.

School Children Thrill Huge Crowd at Stadium

By ROBERT HUFFMAN

First under the fading light of a beautiful spring evening and later under the brilliant glare of the stadium lights, 4,500 Mansfield school children last night gave their first mass physical education demonstration at Senior high school.

The colorful pageant was a tribute to the physical education teachers and the organizational skill of Harry E. Mebock, who directed the demonstration.

More than 5,000 spectators got a glimpse of youngsters of all ages and sizes participating in a medley of exercises of varying degrees of skill and finesse.

An outstanding attribute of the youngsters was the poise and assurance with which they performed their routines before the capacity-filled stands.

Big children and little children danced, raced, played games, tumbled and sang with a finished grace which would have done credit to a team of precision dancers.

Particularly colorful and impressive was the final number by John Simpson Junior high school boys and girls who gave a "flashlight drill."

In the darkness of the stadium after the lights were extinguished, the troop of children equipped with hooded flashlights of red, white and blue gave a spectacular exhibition. Martha Thompson and Robert DeHaven, physical education instructors, directed this demonstration.

A pyramid building and tumbling act by Senior high school boys was distinguished by its smooth performance and was highlighted by some droll foolery on the part of Earl Garnes. Paul Snyder and Vern Hoffman were in charge of this group.

A group of Johnny Appleseed boys, dressed in white, gave a wand demonstration which pleased the crowd. The boys equipped with wands, made a picturesque sight on the green of the field, as the performed their routines under the guidance of ninth grader Frank Miller. Paul Cameron, physical education teacher at Appleseed was in charge.

The entire exhibition was a highly coordinated and successful demonstration. The show not only came off on schedule, but was completed fully one half hour ahead of schedule and there were no hitches.

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INTENSIFIED: Nazis Drive Further Through Crete Lines

(By United Press)

CAIRO—German forces smashed further into British lines on the western end of Crete and forced the defenders to withdraw to new positions, a general headquarters communique said today.

The intensified German attack followed swift counter-thrusts by the Royal Air Force, which shot down five troop-laden German transport planes and damaged more than 100 others in attacks on the Malemi airdrome base from which the Nazis are operating.

On Monday the Germans renewed their drive from Malemi toward Canea and Suda by a heavy air bombardment of the British positions and again attacked with infantry Monday night, enlarging the original penetration area, the communique said.

The British troops took up new positions in the rear, the communique added, but German reinforcements continue to reach Crete and the land fighting (in which

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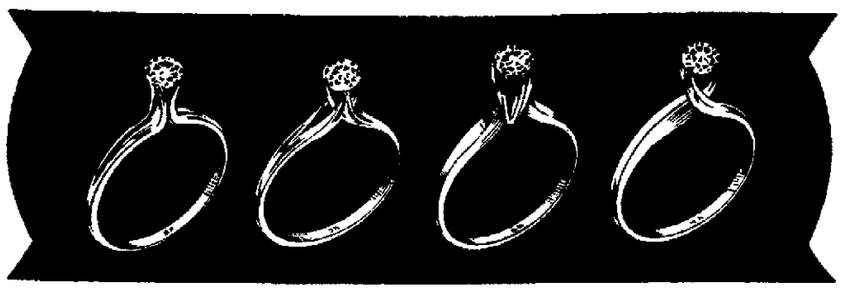

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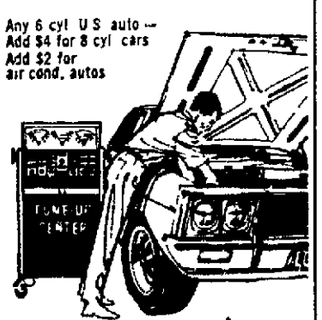

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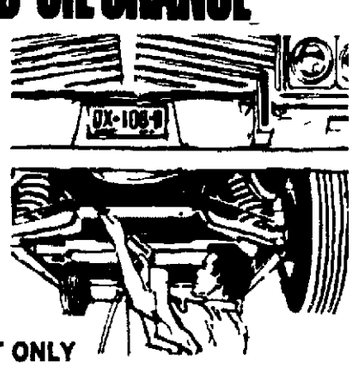

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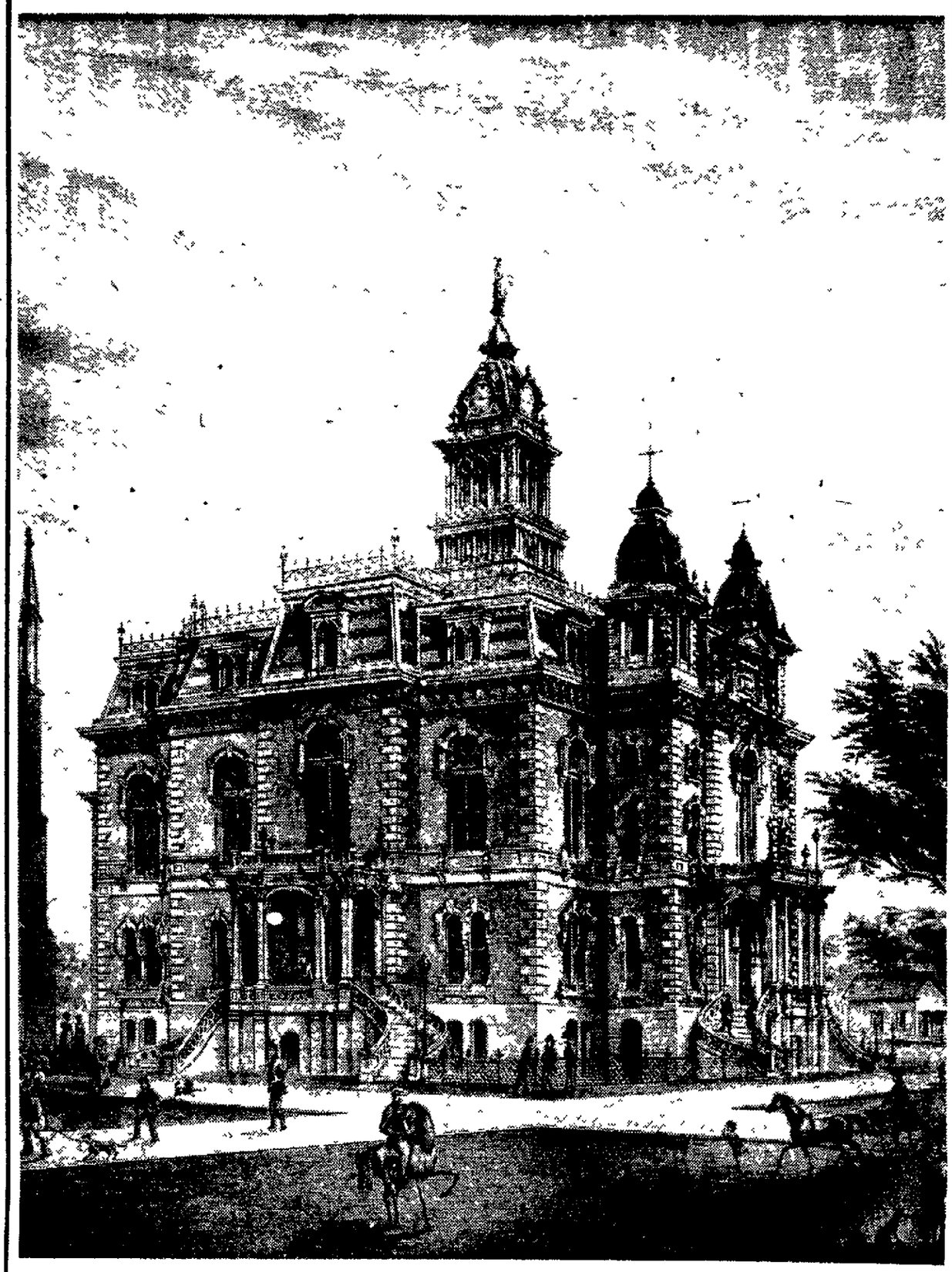

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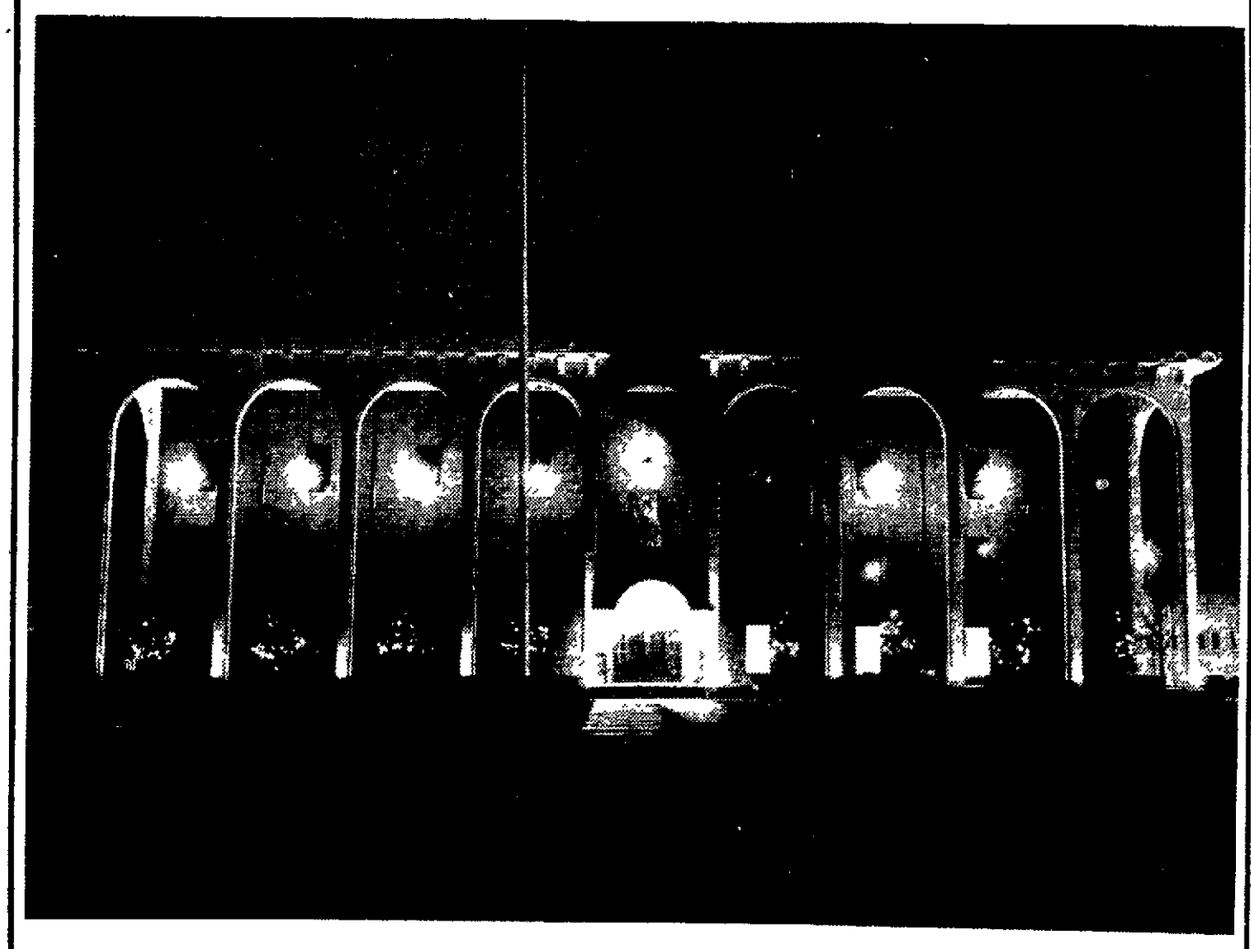

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